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Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser In Chungking



These pictures were taken on the occasion of Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser's visit to Chungking to pay a courtesy call on the Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and marked the culmination of the joint efforts of the Allies in co-ordinating the defeat of Japan. Sir Bruce Fraser was fresh from Tokyo, where the surrender had been signed in the U.S.S. Missouri. Top (left) Admiral Fraser is seen chatting with the Generalissimo's Aide, General Shung. Top (right) shows Admiral Fraser being greeted by U.S. General Strathmeyer. On the right, the President of China and Generalissimo and Madame Chiang entertained Sir Bruce and other distinguished guests. Lady Seymour, wife of the British Ambassador, is on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's right. At the head of the table is Dr. T. V. Soong. (M.O.I. Pictures).



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THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION THAT OUSTED THE SPIRIT OF THE PAST AND USHERED IN TORTUOUS YEARS OF SELF-REALISATION AS A FULLY INDEPENDENT NATION, IS BEING CELEBRATED TO DAY BY THE CHINESE POPULATION OF HONG KONG AND BY CHINESE PEOPLE ALL OVER ASIA. WITH THE HEADY JOY AND EXUBERANCE THAT SIGNALISES BOTH THE END OF THE STRAIN OF EIGHT LONG BITTER YEARS OF WAR AND THE GROWING UNDERSTANDING OF THE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES THAT NOW LIE OPEN TO CHINA GIVEN SMOOTH POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

FOR EIGHT YEARS UNDER THE INSPIRING LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL ISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK, THE CHINESE SOLDIER WITHSTOOD THE ATTACKS OF A VASTLY BETTER ARMED AND RUTHLESS ENEMY, AND NO PRAISE CAN BE TOO HIGH FOR HIS FORTITUDE AND POWERS OF ENDURANCE.

THAT IS NOW OVER. CHINA ENTERED THE WAR WITH DIGNITY, HAS EMERGED VICTORIOUS WITH CREDIT AND DIGNITY, THE SHADOW THAT HAS LAIN ACROSS HER PROGRESS HAS BEEN LIFTED FOR ALL TIME, THE DOOR IS OPEN FOR NATIONAL RENAISSANCE ON A SCALE AND OF A NATURE THAT WERE BEYOND CONCEPTION A FEW YEARS AGO. WELL MAY CHINA CELEBRATE!

IF CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE IS HIGH, IT IS MORE THAN JUSTIFIED. ON BALANCE, CHINA HAS PROFITED BY THIS WAR

FAR MORE THAN SHE HAS LOST. MUCH OF THE COUNTRY IS DEVASTATED. MILLIONS HAVE DIED. MANY OF HER CITIES ARE CITIES NO LONGER, OR REDUCED, MOMENTARILY, TO ECONOMIC CHAOS. THE LOSSES ARE SUCH THAT TO REPLACE THEM WILL CALL FOR HEAVY EXERTIONS, COURAGE AND INDUSTRY.

BUT MUCH HAS BEEN GAINED. MEN HAVE RISEN TO THE FOREFRONT WHO WOULD HAVE MADE NO APPEARANCE ON THE NATIONAL SCENE IN AN ERA OF PEACE.

YOUTH HAS ARISEN, AWAKENED AND CONSCIOUS OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL TRIUMPH.

CHINA TO-DAY HAS HOSTS OF YOUNG MEN WHO WERE PERMITTED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS TO STUDY THE METHODS OF THE WEST AT THEIR HIGHEST STAGE OF ORGANISATION AND EFFICIENCY. MANY WERE ATTACHED TO THE ALLIED FORCES, THOUSANDS SAW SERVICE IN LIAISON ABROAD. THE BALL HAS BEEN SET ROLLING. IT WILL ROLL AND GATHER WEIGHT AS CHINA COMES UNCEASINGLY TO TAKE HER PROPER PLACE IN THE COMITY OF NATIONS.

THE NEW ERA DAWNING WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT EFFORT, RELIEF AND REHABILITATION TASKS WILL DEMAND EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY, INITIATIVE AND RESOURCE OF WHICH THE NATION IS CAPABLE. BUT THE OPPORTUNITY IS TREMENDOUS. WE CANNOT BUT BELIEVE THAT CHINA WILL GRASP IT WITH BOTH HANDS.

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CALL TO THE YOUTH OF CHINA--THE TASK AHEAD

A plan for economic equilibrium among nations, a national defence scheme designed to contribute to the maintenance of peace and the advance of the arts of man, and for the birth of a new spirit and outlook in China that would unite the wisdom of the past with the careful planning and achievement of the new world of science and industry is the main purpose behind the existence of the Three Principles of the People (San Min Chu I) Youth Association.

So stated Mr. Chui Chung-mao, the President, in a talk over Z.B.W. on Monday night. He said: "Chinese Youth! On your shoulders rests the responsibility of building up the New China. On this night of celebration all the public of Hong Kong and Kowloon, irrespective of their nationality, their sex or their age, are happily and eagerly enjoying the spectacle of co-operation between China, Britain, the United States and Russia, building up a firm world organisation that will culminate in the perfect enjoyment for all of the pursuit of happiness."

The Axis—Germany, Italy and Japan, in an attempt to conquer the world that took no heed of the wishes of the would-be conquered, opened the Second World War on the 1st of September, 1939. They exposed to the world a bestial face and a hand that held forth terror and destruction. It was their intention to do away with civilisations the principles of which were beyond their interests.

Fortunately, the countries of this world that understood the value of peace and stability were determined to achieve it again. An offensive was prepared that gradually swept the whole of the Axis into oblivion. Italy, the weakest, was the first to surrender. Germany was defeated in April this year. Only Japan, obstinately unconscious of her doom, fought on. Finally, she too accepted the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

At a nation, she had wandered into the dark. She has reached the gloomiest depth of the deepest pool and is to-day barely able to commence on a fresh renaissance. The enemy is defeated, the Allies have won the Victory.

This day, however, as we celebrate it, we must make allowance for the fact that though the enemy has finally been plunged into disaster, it is not in the interest of permanent world or-

ganisation of the Nations that the defeated peoples be completely deprived of a place in the sun. The spirit of peace in peace for all, for the defeated as for the victor.

On us rests the responsibility to provide a guiding hand on the road of security for all. We, who prefer peace to war, must extend our hand to the nations who fought with us and against us.

As citizens of our own land of China, we have yet another duty and one that is closer to our hearts. That is the duty of shouldering the weight of the burden of reconstruction, and that particular duty devolves on to each and every one of us.

It is for us that this duty exists of concentrating our ideas and our energy, our youth and our hope, our age and our experience in a new sacrifice—a living sacrifice rather than a dead one—to the enterprise of building and rebuilding, of construction and industrial advance.

It is paramount that we contribute—as we seek the contribution of other Nations—to the aim of economic equilibrium for all.

We, the Three Principles of the People Youth Association have a programme before us, on the lines of which we may immediately get down to work and hard work, work that is unselfish and unceasing of the personal element.

We plan for the birth of a new spirit and outlook in our nation that will unite the wisdom of the past with the careful planning and achievement of the new world.

It is our duty too to collect into a living, progressive group all those of our youth whose minds are infused with a love for their country, for knowledge and virtue. It is our plan to educate them and continuously to train them, to be forever ready to carry on their shoulders the burden of their country's progress.

And finally, this reminder, we are the citizens not only of a nation but of a whole world, united in a common struggle, a common pursuit, a common hope.

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Sir Bruce Fraser in Chungking. Shaking hands with General Ho Hsiao-yu, chief of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the National Military Council. Also meeting Admiral Fraser in Vice-Admiral Tien, naval aide to the Generalissimo (M.O.I. Photo).

MEI LAN-FANG WILL SING AGAIN TO-DAY

Chungking, Oct. 8.

This is a story of a moustache and the principles that guide men's lives.

Both the moustache and the principles belong to China's most famous female impersonator, Dr. Mei Lan Fang, and that make an interesting combination.

It is all the more interesting if you picture the man on the stage, willowy, graceful and demure, with hands like pale flowers and a voice like the tinkle of silver bells; or at home perusing the classics or brushing his dainty water colours or persevering with his eager apprentices in dramatic forms ritualized by the centuries.

This is a story with a Shanghai setting, but it is big news in all China. Indeed, the name and fame of Mei Lan Fang are known everywhere that people immerse themselves in China's classic drama—a theatre where an impersonator would never think of having a woman play a feminine lead.

The great Mei remained throughout the war of resistance as a standard of comparison for discerning theatre-goers in free China, and there was no impersonator, whether professional or from the ranks of China's armies, who did not try to emulate Mei's grace, be it in the flutter of mascara-darkened eyelashes or dainty emergence and reemergence of his hands from the over-long sleeves of his elaborately embroidered gown.

Mei was in Shanghai when the Japanese occupied the city. He would have joined the retreat of millions to the hinterland, but the Japanese would not let him go to free China. The Japanese regarded him as a prize of war.

But when the "devils" attempted to exploit their prize—to lull the Chinese people by presenting Mei in Chinese drama—he frustrated them in a dramatic way that had no dramatic precedent.

Mei grew a moustache!

Some reports say he also grew a beard, but the moustache is sufficient to make it a good story.

With this adornment, Mei put an end to the incessant enemy and puppet entreaties that he return to the stage.

With the end of the war has Mei shaved, and a Central News dispatch from Shanghai says he will make his clean-shaven post-war debut on China's greatest national holiday, to-day, October 10, in Shanghai's Grand Theatre.

For Mei Lan-fang it has been a great sacrifice not to make theatrical appearances for eight years. If he had promised to play to entertain Japanese and puppet audiences, he might have earned a tremendous amount of money. In the history of China the spirit of loyalty and martyr-

dom never has been expected from dramatic performers.

They have been traditionally despised and accused of loose morals. Yet this time Mei has done something of which all dramatic performers can be proud.

Many who are far better educated than Mei and have read a thousand more volumes preaching the cause of loyalty have turned shamelessly into traitors.

Mei lived in seclusion and had to sell many of his precious belongings to maintain himself and family. He beguiled himself by teaching tyro impersonators and developed Chang Chun Chu, who "though not so good in acting, sings nearly as well as his teacher."

Mei says war has made him old, but a Chinese visitor found him at 52 looking little different from his pre-war "fan" photos that used to be displayed in Shanghai shops.

"If I don't go back to the stage," said Mei, "it will mean less for me to have kept mute for the past eight years. At least I will sing once, even though it might be a swan song. But I must think it over. The play must have a particular moral to it. It should be something connected with victory and more than entertaining."

Then he added modestly: "I am not sure I can sing again after such a long rest. I believe, though, that my voice still rings clear."—Associated Press.

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HONG KONG OWES A BIG DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO MAJOR-GENERAL S. K. YEE, WHO IS AT PRESENT IN THE COLONY AS A MEMBER OF THE CHINESE MILITARY MISSION.

When Canton fell to the Japanese in 1938 Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek saw the need for much closer liaison between Chungking and Hong Kong, and Major-General Yee was the man chosen for the job. He arrived here soon after and his real mission was successfully disguised under the cloak of ordinary business interests. He was quick to surround himself with competent people and before very long he had built up an organisation in which he had complete confidence.

Official opinion at that time was that Hong Kong could hold out for possibly three months against a Japanese attack, and the Chinese accordingly laid their plans for assistance in that event.

Major-General Yee then returned to the Military College at Chungking and remained there for a month, and it was while he was in the capital that the Chinese Intelligence Service reported the Japanese plan of action in the Far East, actually naming the generals who were to direct operations against Hong Kong, Malaya, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies. This was sensational news, and he was ordered to return to Hong Kong immediately.

He arrived in Hong Kong on December 1, 1941 and informed the Military Authorities of possible eventualities, but both they and he, as Chungking had also done, were sceptical as to whether Japan would commit national sui-

cide by going to war against Great Britain and the United States.

Seven days later Japan struck, exactly as Chinese Intelligence reported they would.

When things began to look grim here in Hong Kong—on the 17th—Major-General Yee decided it was time to try and get Chinese assistance earlier than previously arranged, and the message came back to the effect that the Chinese forces—100,000 crack troops under General Shi Ngok, G.O.C. the 9th War Zone—would arrive here on the 28th.

That was just three days too late as Hong Kong capitulated on the afternoon of the 25th. One regiment forming the vanguard of the Chinese troops had actually penetrated as far as the outskirts of Shanghai at the time (3.25 p.m.) Hong Kong capitulated.

Major-General Yee estimated the Japanese strength on the mainland at 20,000 and 10,000 on the island. Our inability to hold this force was lack of aircraft and mobile units. He explained the failure of the island forces to open fire on the Japanese landing barges. There was only one explanation and that was that all our gun positions had been wiped out by accurate artillery fire.

Several days before the capitulation Sir Mark Young, Governor of Hong Kong, tried to persuade Major-General Yee to take the opportunity of returning to Chungking while there was a chance, but the latter, fully realising his position if he was caught here, preferred to remain as long as he could be of use to the Government.

His own organisation had secured the names and addresses of many Japanese, Formosan, Korean and Chinese agents and, entering into close collaboration with D.C.I. Frank Shaftain, he was responsible for the arrest of numerous spies and fifth columnists. In actual fact over 400 were shot. He also held the Chinese underworld in check, and it was due mainly to his efforts that there was no in-

ternal disorder prior to the conclusion of hostilities.

Efficient staff work was also responsible for nipping in the bud the plan to massacre the entire European community on the morning of December 18. Major-General Yee, in co-operation with D.C.I. Shaftain, handled the meeting at Hotel Cecil, where the authorities came to terms with the underworld. Details of this plan are still an official secret.

On the 25th December things looked really desperate and Major-General Yee had a motor torpedo boat ready for a last minute dash for safety, but due to the complete failure of communications after news of the capitulation had begun to spread, he missed the M.T.B. at the Queen Mary Hospital and he and his party—Mr. D. M. Macdougall (now Brigadier and Chief Civil Affairs Officer)—was one of them—then went to Aberdeen, only to be told that the five M.T.B.s

had left. They then commandeered a motor boat and were soon under fire from a Japanese machine-gun post and three officers, Mr. Macdougall being one, were wounded. All the officers except two jumped over the side and swam to shore, but Major-General Yee remained behind with the two wounded men. The machine-gun fire continued for two hours but no attempt was made to investigate the motor boat, which was slowly drifting in the direction of Apichau Island. The two officers begged him to escape while he was able, saying that they were out of the war now as the result of their wounds and expressing the desire to be sent back to Hong Kong.

Facing up to the facts, Major-General Yee thereupon managed to attract the attention of a junk nearby and transferred the two men to it.

One of these men died in the Queen Mary Hospital and the other is now back in the Colony after being a prisoner-of-war.

On his own, Major-General Yee waited until it was quite dark and then slipped overboard from the motor boat and swam to Apichau Island, where he met and was housed by a Chinese priest for three weeks. During his stay there he was recognised by one of the islanders and when confronted by the priest he made a clean breast of it and told him who he was. The priest said he had no need to worry as he had already said his name was Lee not Yee and that he had been to the island many times before selling bibles. Major-General Yee, however, was uneasy and decided to leave as soon as possible, which he did by junk despite warnings that the weather was not suitable, and, after an exciting trip in rough weather, he landed on Chinese territory and actually met Chinese troops returning from the direction of Hong Kong.

Since the Japanese surrender Major-General Yee has contacted the priest at Apichau and given

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him a munificent present for his loyalty.

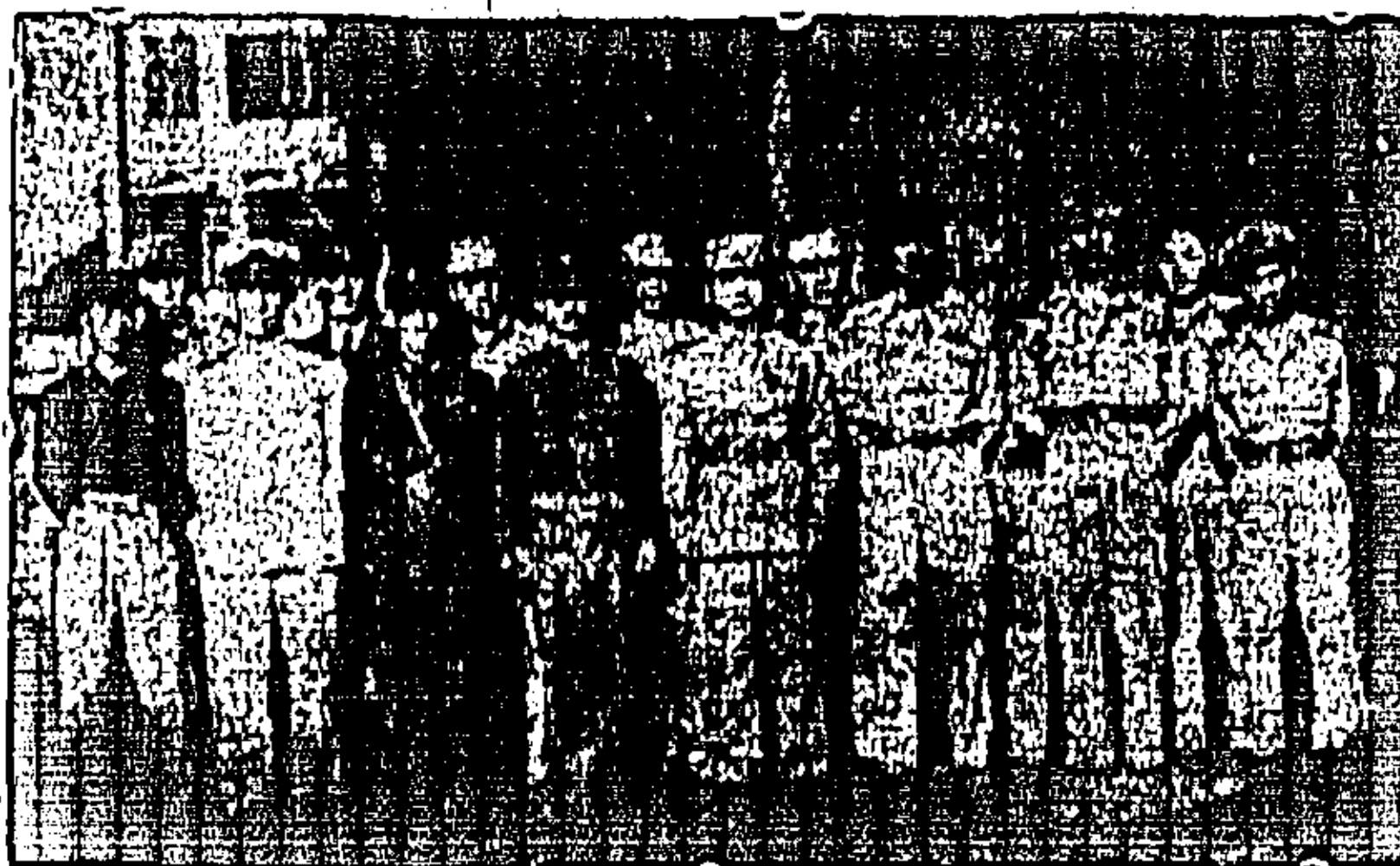
Three Chinese members of the party who were to have escaped together in an M.T.B. were decorated by the British Government, Admiral Chan Chak receiving the K.B.E., Major-General Yee the C.B.E. and Commander Hau, aide-de-camp to Admiral Chan Chak, the O.B.E.

When most of the party abandoned the motor-boat they were fortunate to be able to attract the attention of the five M.T.B.s, which were only on the other side of the island, and made their escape in that manner.

Major-General Yee, in paying tribute to the determination and cleverness of D.C.I. Shaftain, said he was amazed to see him alive. He then recounted what the latter had told him.

On December 24 some forty odd fifth columnists were rounded up, but their trial was held over till the following day. Nothing had been done at the time of the capitulation on the 25th, and D.C.I. Shaftain immediately returned to them personally large sums of money which had been taken from them when they were arrested but he retained the orders they had had on them from Tokyo. When he was himself arrested the following day by the gendarmes he asked the gendarme officer what he would have done with such prisoners. The answer was, "I would have had them shot." D.C.I. Shaftain replied, "That was all I did." He was thereupon released, was not questioned again by the Japanese and left in comparatively good health for Australia on retirement after 35 years service with the Hong Kong Police Force.

Major-General Yee, who may be recalled to Chungking at any moment, also paid high tribute to the co-operation and friendliness offered him at all times by the Hong Kong Government before the Far Eastern war, during it and at the present time.



THE CHINESE MILITARY MISSION has been at work in Hong Kong since the surrender of the Japanese and they report that they are making very favourable progress. They will remain here for another two months. Our photograph shows the members of the Mission, with Major-General Pan Hua-kuo, of the National Military Council and head of the Mission, standing fourth from the right in the front row. Major-General Pan was born in Hunan, is only 40 years of age and a graduate of Whampoa Military Academy and Staff College and the National Defence College. He was at one time Chinese Military Attache in Berlin, instructor at the Military Academy and Chief of Staff for an Army Corps. His latest post was divisional commander. Major-General S. K. Yee, C.B.E., Chungking Liaison Officer in Hong Kong, is to be seen third from the right in the front row. Other members of the Mission are Major-General Juo Ngan-ben (N.M.C.), Major-General Chen Tze-shung (General Headquarters Service of Supplies), Col. Liu Fang-chu (General Staff), Capt. Lin Chang-peng (Navy), Major Kiang Shu-chui (Air Force), Col. Hauch Yin-kuei (Medical), Major Wu Mei-kun (Ordnance), Lt.-Col. Chang Chien-hung (Quartermaster's Dept.), Major Chen Yen-hwa (Q.M. Dept.), Lt.-Col. Hauch Kung-peng (General Staff), Major Tsai Ching-liu (Medical), Oung Ping and Jimmy Lo (C.N.A.), Major Tang Lang-sun (Ordnance Dept.) and Lt.-Col. Chang Wen-chi (Motor Transport). (Photo, Francis Wu).

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The honoured councillor was Messer Marco Polo and his bridge was to outlast the moss-growing years of two of China's most brilliant dynasties. Traffic passed over it in the Buddhist art and novel producing crabs of the Ming and the Manchu governmental tightening-grip of the Chings. Then came the 10th of October, 1910, and the gradual in-sweep of the modern world of the West.

In Marco Polo's day there had been more of Asia in Europe and more of Europe in Asia than there is, perhaps, to-day. His bridge looms as a symbol. It does not exist any more. One of the first victims of Japan's attempted imprint upon the destiny of Asia, it was one of the monuments of the past that was the first to go.

It would be quite incorrect to affirm that the war with Japan started on July 7, 1937. It has raged continuously throughout the whole of Asiatic history. In the precentury past, however, Japan had never been a power. Her navies were soundly trounced again and yet again by the Koreans, and as navies they never dominated any stretch of the Pacific.

The first Japanese war with China in 1895 marked the beginning of the Japanese rise to menace as a military power. In the Russo-Japanese war of 1905, Russia lost the war "on paper" through inefficiency in supplies and communications. There was no strategic conception of the importance of the four men behind the one who was at the front. Russia won the peace on paper and, perhaps, in fact. Her major loss was Port Arthur. There were other participants in the war, though not "on paper." Britain and America participated also in the fruits of the balance of power. Japan won a port that was never of any use to her either strategically or commercially, but

she also won an honoured place in the military annals of the world, she acquired a militarist clique and a tradition, and she happily set out on the road to future disaster.

The foregoing represents a journalist's impatient reply to the necessity in this world of seeing two sides to every question. The two sides exist. The point is that one is two per cent more correct than the other. The College of Cardinals in the medieval past spent many happy hours discussing the number of angels who could find seating accommodation on the point of a pin. A multitude of writers, of every age, of either sex, of every race and creed and

about his vast accumulation of wealth, and in due time will go to his rest without caring very much about what anyone thought of him in 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 or 1940.

He does care, however, about the abuse of the inherent trait in the Chinese character of festivity. China works slowly. The fortunes of her small traders grow first in miserable yearly increments, on their accumulated wealth, the progression is arithmetical but it knows no retardation.

The Chinese who inquires of the West as to whether his country will live to see tranquillity—and industrial importance in his

the same profit and the same amusement.

The Westernized Chinese will always be in the minority. It is impossible for 400,000,000 to go abroad. He will always return to be met by the assured smile of the kai-fongs. Here—the kai-fongs, unfortunately—are right. They like their old ways and their old ideas and at the great yearly festivals letters reach the dean of man at the westernized universities asking if Lee Junior has really obtained his B.A. If so, he is entitled to sit at the 17th precedence table at the big festival rather than at the 19th, and there will be choicer morsels of pork in his next reach.



Madame Chiang Kai-shek photographed at the dinner party given in Chungking in honour of Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, who paid a courtesy call on the Generalissimo soon after his arrival in Hong Kong aboard his flagship, H.M.S. Duke of York. From right to left, the photo shows Madame Chiang, Sir Horace Seymour, British Ambassador, General Shang, and Dr. Kang Nai-kwang, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.—(M.O.I. Picture).

colour will present in time their views in historical perspective of the Sino-Japanese struggle of 1937-46.

The two wars here referred to were perhaps more important and more contributive to the release of psychological forces than the revolution of 1910 or the past eight bitter years. Psychologically they changed the whole picture of the Orient, economically their ultimate importance will in a thousand years from to-day be deemed scarce worth a line.

The 10th of October will ever loom. Here again, not in its importance as a spring-board to China's future or its contribution toward an eradication of all that was so tortuously slow in the past. Festivity lente is as true of China in the 27 years between the revolution and the war as it was of China under the Manchus.

Exit the Chings. Enter the China re-born. A new China reflected in the forgotten and noble careers of men who worked much behind the scenes and whose history is now totally forgotten other than by some aging men in Hawaii, in the Philippines, in Malaya, and in the Chinatown of San Francisco.

Their names are dead to history and it is improbable that a sufficiently industrious student will ever thoroughly resurrect them and assess the value of their contribution. The gentlemen are gone. They were disinterested in the plaudits of the crowd, they looked with growing suspicion at the growing Japan, they married off their sons and daughters, they wrote with their camels' hair brushes, and the large part of them are honourably dead—and honourably buried.

One of their reflections is here in Hong Kong. A man praised, abused and denounced in his time, he sometimes chuckles over the past, does not really care so much

generation is the man impatient of festivity lente. Unaware of his national strong point, he is lost in a western wilderness. The men who attempt to speed up China beyond the pace at which she is willing to march are the men who retard her.

The bane of China has always been the returned student knowing all about the West and nothing about the golden tradition of his sages, poets, painters and engravers. The man who starts to work in great haste and bustle and finds in due time that the village elders are only puzzled and a little ruffled by it all. In the many essays written by Lady Southern in Hong Kong there is one very much to the point. This article is not written for the hasty reader, and he is advised to take pains to find this essay himself, to recognise it and profit by it. The essay has nothing to do with haste and bustle but picks out only a subtle shade in the Chinese conception of what is really humorous. This particular shade, however, once recognized, may lead to other reading.

Should that reading be directed to the literary efforts of those writers on China who produced reams of amazing detail in the period between 1840 and 1910, a good deal of insight into the real Cathay may be acquired. These writers were Customs men, retired Army officers, missionaries, pioneer traders, travellers, but each and every one, on page 27 or 311, opened his curiosity to something and unconsciously hit an errant nail on an errant head.

W. Somerset Maugham stated in one of his many books that he had derived profit and amusement from delving into these forgotten efforts. Some others may derive

The solution calls for a sense of humour on the part of the young and the realization that age too has something to say for itself. It is in the adaptation of the westernized youth of China to the realization that a miracle cannot be achieved overnight that the progress of China lies.

There is so much in the Chinese tradition, that there is no point in a hurried scramble for a new.

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FUTURE BRITISH ARMY

NATIONALISING THE BANK

LONDON, OCT. 9. THE FUTURE OF BRITAIN'S ARMY, THE TYPE OF UNITS REQUIRED, THE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND THE QUESTION OF CONSCRIPTION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETINGS OF DISTINGUISHED MILITARY LEADERS WHICH BEGIN THIS WEEK ACCORDING TO THE "DAILY MAIL."

Under the chairmanship of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field-Marshal Lord Brooks they will include Field-Marshal Montgomery, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine, General Paget, Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief of India, and the commanders-in-chief of the Home Commands.

Three of them, Field-Marshal Montgomery, General Cunningham, Commander of the Eastern Command, and General Ritchie, Commander of the Scottish Command, are old Commanders-in-Chief of the British Army.

A War Office statement said: "The first of a periodical series of meetings of Commanders-in-Chief of Commands at Home will be held during the week, commencing on Monday."

"The purpose of the meeting will be to keep the commanders in touch with the general policy of the War Office and particularly with problems of post-war organization of the Army."—Reuter.

NEWSCRATIC CLAIMS

Chungking, Oct. 9. The Newscritic League is demanding greater representation in the proposed new political council on the grounds that it is the third most powerful political group in China.—Associated Press

Jim Sleeps Through A Royal Visit

LONDON, OCT. 9. JAMES KIRBY OF STRATTONDALE WAS HAVING A SUNDAY AFTERNOON NAP IN HIS EAST LONDON PORTAL HOME YESTERDAY WHEN HIS WIFE PHOEBE TOUCHED HIM ON THE SHOULDER AND SAID: "WAKE UP JIM, QUEEN MARY AND THE DUKE OF WINDSOR ARE HERE."

BUT JAMES KIRBY WHO IS FORTY-FIVE AND WORKS HARD ALL THE WEEK AS A STEEL ERECTOR, MERELY GRUNTED HIS DISBELIEF, TURNED OVER AND SLEPT ON.

Two hours later, Kirby woke up. He had a cup of tea and could hardly believe his ears when he heard his wife say that the Royal party had in fact visited the house and spent twenty minutes there.

"I was washing up after dinner when there was a knock at the door and I found a gentleman who said, 'would it be alright if Queen Mary and the Duke of Windsor came in side?' said Mrs. Kirby."

"They were very interested in our house—one of the first pre-fabricated bungalows put up in the neighbourhood—and showed them round. Then we came to the bedroom where Jim was sleeping, but there was a waking him."

When the Queen and the Duke left, a crowd cheered loudly. But not loud enough to wake James Kirby, probably the only man in Britain ever to sleep through a Royal visit.

After he had heard the story Kirby thought intently for minutes and then asked the reporter who had interviewed him: "What would you think if someone woke you and said that Queen Mary and the Duke of Windsor were in your house?"—Reuter.

The Bishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Rev. R. G. Ho, arrived in the Colony by air last evening. He was met by the Rev. A. P. Ross, and his secretary, Dr. Harth.

LONDON, OCT. 9. PARLIAMENT REASSEMBLES TO-DAY, AFTER SIX WEEKS OF RECESS, FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST MENTOUS AND STRENUOUS SESSIONS ON RECORD. STATEMENTS ON DEMOBILISATION, HOUSING, EXPORT TRADE AND FOOD SUPPLIES ARE LIKELY TO BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE RESUMED SESSION HAS GONE VERY FAR.

The Labour Government's measures for nationalising the Bank of England and coal mines, and for social insurance and other changes are expected to produce lively debates.

A new budget has been promised for the end of this month. It will probably be introduced during the last week of the month by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton. There are hopes that it will contain proposals for some tax reliefs, though these are not likely to be extensive.

On the agenda of the Cabinet to-day were the terms of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's statement to the House on the breakdown of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

MR. CHURCHILL WAITING. Mr. Winston Churchill, as leader of the Opposition, is waiting to hear this statement before deciding whether to ask for a full debate, but the probability is that there will be none at this stage, because Mr. Bevin is unlikely to give a long or detailed account.

Mr. Churchill is to give attention to the full report on the secret meeting of 200 defeated Conservative candidates held last week.

Action will undoubtedly be taken by Mr. Churchill, as party leader, on some of the recommendations put forward at the conference, which apparently favoured a consider-

able overhaul of the party machine, that had been allowed to rust because of the too scrupulous observance of the political truce throughout the war.—Reuter.

Lone Briton Controls Bandoeng

BANDOENG, OCT. 9. THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN JAVA'S MOST IMPORTANT CITY, WITH A POPULATION OF 100,000, IS BEING CONTROLLED BY A TWENTY-TWO YEAR OLD SIX FOOT TALL ENGLISHMAN, ACCORDING TO FRANK ROBSON, "DAILY EXPRESS" CORRESPONDENT.

He is Major Mark Gray, of a parachute regiment, whose home is Bristol.

He maintains order amid the warring bands of Indonesian soldiers and civilians, who captured and are in control of the town from the power as Japanese army.

For three weeks, while Bandoeng was one of the toughest trouble spots, Major Gray has by his personality, determination and fearlessness, quelled the sporadic flare-ups by armed factions and maintained a degree of order.

His personality with the rival factions is such that he made them obey orders without the support of any military backing.—Reuter.

U-Boat Hide-Out To Go

Hamburg, Oct. 9. British engineers will blow up the huge concrete submarine pens of Hamburg on October 21.

It will constitute the biggest demolition job of the war. Tons of dynamite have been planted along the huge pillars to assure the collapse of the 15-foot thick concrete roof. The Hamburg pens were the largest the Germans had to keep their submarines safe from allied air attacks.—Associated Press.

CRISIS THREATENING IN PALESTINE

LONDON, OCT. 9. A REUTER CABLE FROM ROME SAYS THAT KARL MONDT, MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUB-COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO IS ON HIS WAY TO THE UNITED STATES FROM A TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, TOLD REPORTERS IN ROME LAST NIGHT THAT THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE WAS "MOST TENSE."

"OF ALL COUNTRIES WE HAVE VISITED, PALESTINE IS ONE WHERE BLOODSHED APPEARS TO BE MOST IMMINENT," HE SAID.

His Sub-Committee would recommend a clarification of United States policy towards the Middle East, he added. Preparations to defend the Arab cause, include the setting up of propaganda offices in the Middle East.

Toufik Bey told Reuter's correspondent in Damascus that he was touring Arab countries in order to arrange for the foundation of Arab Bureaus in Beirut and Damascus similar to those now operating in Baghdad, Amman and Cairo.

In London yesterday, a meeting of deputies of British Jews reached a resolution according to the British Government to enable European Jews wishing

STILL ON THE DANGER LIST

Enquiries from the Royal Air Force hospital late last night elicited the information that although both Sgt. J. Dampney and Mr. R. Shachon, who were involved in a motor accident last Sunday, had passed a quiet day, they were still on the "dangerously ill" list.

Emotional Scenes At Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, OCT. 9. WAITING WOMEN WEPT TEARS OF JOY AS HERE AND THERE THEY RECOGNISED A RELATIVE. WHEN THE FIRST OF SIXTEEN SHIPS, BRINGING HOME PRISONERS OF WAR FROM JAPANESE CAMPS TO LIVERPOOL BERTHED TO-DAY.

Other vessels will reach Britain at intervals during the month. Many of the service men coming home were captured at Singapore and while a number will, of necessity, have to remain under medical treatment for some time, those who are fit enough should be on their way to their homes within the next day or two.

Because of their condition, the repatriates will receive a special diet for their six weeks' leave and many will get priority in eggs and milk. It is estimated that only one in six repatriates knows the present address of his next-of-kin and welfare officers are busy helping them.—Reuter.

Hess Flown To Germany

LONDON, OCT. 9. RUDOLF HESS, FORMER HITLER DEPUTY, WHO FLEW TO ENGLAND IN 1941 WITH A "PEACE OFFER" WHICH IT IS ALLEGED, WOULD ENABLE GERMAN TO CONCENTRATE HER FORCES ON RUSSIA, LEFT ENGLAND BY AIR TO-DAY FOR FRANKFURT TO FACE TRIAL AS ONE OF GERMANY'S MAJOR WAR LEADERS.

Hess will receive a copy of the full indictment under which he will be charged. His trial will be held as soon as he arrives in Frankfurt.

Black-scowled, subdued and impassive, Hess looked ill and thin in his most recent photographs.

For the past three years Hess has been in a hospital near Abergavenny in Wales. There have been many reports that he was ill, mentally and physically, although very few official details have been disclosed.

When the B.B.C. announced D-Day landings in Normandy, Hess was reported to have sat down and wept.

He refused to take exercise and, according to some reports, would not even get out of bed to shave, wash or dress.—Reuter.

China's Unity Communique

Chungking, Oct. 9. It is understood that the talks between General Mao Tse-tung, Communist leader, and the Kuomintang negotiators to-day concerned primarily with the composition and voting procedure to be adopted by the Inter-Party Political Council.

It is learned reliably that the Communist Party has submitted a draft communique, expected to be issued on October 10th, which will end the first phase of the negotiations.—Reuter.

Thirty Under Arrest

Singapore, Oct. 9. Dr. N. K. Ponnau, chairman of a so-called Ponnau "Indian Independence League" and N. R. Ghavan, Indian barrister and former member of Chandra Bose's "Provisional Government" at Poona, the thirty Chinese, Eurasians, Indians and Malays, now in Poona, charged with being "war criminals" for having committed atrocities or given aid or collaboration to the Japanese.—Reuter.

ADM. HARCOURT BROADCASTS

TASK OF WINNING THE PEACE

"TO-DAY WE ARE CELEBRATING THE VICTORY OF ALLIED ARMS IN THE PACIFIC AND THE OVERTHROW OF THE TYRANNICAL USE OF FORCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IT IS IN CONSEQUENCE A DAY OF JOY AND THANKSGIVING."

"IT IS RIGHT AND PROPER," SAID ADMIRAL HARCOURT IN A BROADCAST LAST NIGHT, "THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THESE CELEBRATIONS BUT AS THE DAY IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE, I THINK IT IS ALSO RIGHT AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO THE 'TO-MORROW'."

"Before us lies the task of building up in conjunction with our Allies a region of peace and prosperity which can, itself, only be founded on justice, tolerance, goodwill and wisdom. The task will not be an easy one."

"From the material point of view, there are shortages everywhere: shortage of food, shortage of fuel, shortage of houses, shortages of clothes, shortage of transport."

"After six years of destruction these shortages exist throughout the world and in China the destruction has gone on even longer."

"From the spiritual point of view, there is much hatred, bitterness and tragic sorrow to be overcome."

SOCIAL PROBLEMS. "In Hong Kong, as in other parts of the world, the responsibility for initiating and giving impetus to the return to normality, must lie with the governing authorities and we in Hong Kong will strive to rebuild the structure of this Colony so that all sections of the community have fair treatment and equal opportunity. It will not be run for the benefit of any one section of the community and every individual will be encouraged to put forward his best and thus improve the lot of himself and his family. Social problems will require constant attention."

"But whilst the Government can and will give the lead, the real work must be done by the community itself—of which every one of you is an important individual. When there is a war on, individuals come forward and perform prodigious acts of sacrifice in the endeavour to win the war. Well, winning the peace is going to be just as difficult as winning the war and unless people are prepared to make sacrifices to win the peace, it will be a poor and temporary affair."

SIX NEEDS. "According to the degree that honest dealings, hard work, initiative, resourcefulness, courage and kindness are put into the life of the community—according to that degree shall we succeed or fail. The maxims I have set forth above are of course nothing but the practical application to our problem not only of the teachings of Christianity but of every other great religion that has stood the test of time. I hope you will all remember that, for if we apply ourselves wholeheartedly to being guided by the Principle underlying these ancient teachings, we are bound to succeed in the tasks which lie before us. God bless you all."

Getting Burma Under Way Again

LONDON, OCT. 9. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF BURMA, SIR REGINALD DORMAN-SMITH, BY A YEAR UNTIL MAY 1947, HAS BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE CONTINUITY AT THE TOP DURING THE MOST VITAL STAGES OF BURMA'S TRANSITION TO SELF-GOVERNMENT.

THE COLLAPSE OF JAPAN AND THE GOOD WORK OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN BURMA HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT TO ARRANGE FOR ITS RETURN TO BURMA MUCH SOONER THAN SEEMED POSSIBLE A FEW MONTHS AGO.

The shortage of supplies and of administrative personnel will present the civil government with many difficult problems in the early stages of rehabilitation but during that period the military authorities will assist the civil government with administrative personnel, relief supplies and technical stores and equipment.

The emergence of new political parties and the disbandment of the Patriot Burmese Army with the enrollment of some thousands of them into the regular Burma Army, are among the matters due for early consideration.

While in India, the Government of Burma has been engaged on plans for both short-term post-war rehabilitation, and long-term improvements of all branches of Burma's administration, and for economic, social and cultural development.

The Governor's extended term of office will cover at least the first phase of political advance, including the setting up of executive and legislative councils, representing the principal Burman groups and interests, and preparations for general elections.—Reuter.

Frankfurt Trial Interrupted

FRANKFURT, OCT. 9. A GERMAN YOUTH ANGEL SHOUTED THAT THE NAZI PRISONER OF WAR TRIAL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF FORTY THREE THOUSAND GERMANS AND CAUSED AN EARLY SUSPENSION OF THE MASS MURDER TRIAL, WHICH OPENED HERE TO-DAY.

In this—the first mass atrocity trial to be held in the United States—some seven Germans, six men and one woman, are accused of murder of five hundred Polish and Russian slave workers at the Hadamar institution between July 1944 and April 1945.

The interruption occurred as a nurse, the first prosecution witness and a former employee of the institution, was giving her evidence.

The youth was immediately taken into custody by the Military Police and the court adjourned till the afternoon.

The nurse said she did not remember how many German mental patients were killed by injections and lethal tablets before the hospital was turned into a "slave worker extermination factory" in July 1944 but she believed the number was under ten thousand.

Her job was to give patients tablets and if they were not dead by morning, they were given injections.—Reuter.

NO TRUTH IN BIG THREE RUMOUR

London, Oct. 9. It was stated in London to-night that there is no truth in the rumour that arrangements have been made for early meeting between President Truman, Mr. Attlee and Generalissimo Stalin, to discuss the Five Power Council breakdown.—Reuter.

Paris, Oct. 9. It is announced that all leaders of the Japanese southern command in Indo-China have now surrendered to the Allied Command in Saigon.—Reuter.

CANNOT BE EXAGGERATED

CAIRO, OCT. 9. SIR MUHAMMAD ZAFRULLAH KHAN, A JUDGE OF THE FEDERAL COURT OF INDIA, WHO REACHED HERE TO-DAY AFTER A WEEK'S TOUR OF PALESTINE, SAID TO-NIGHT: "THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PALESTINE PROBLEM CANNOT BE EXAGGERATED."

He met many Arab and Jewish leading personalities in Palestine and he added: "From a distance the problem might not seem to have as many ramifications as one discovers when one visits the country."

The problem combines many different aspects—economic and social. The situation definitely requires very wise and capable handling.—Reuter.

DELCOUX TO FACE ENQUIRY

Paris, Oct. 9. Admiral Delcoux, who was in control of affairs in French Indo-China during the Vichy regime, has arrived in Paris. He is to be examined on his conduct.—Reuter.

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I have now secured possession of my former offices at No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Bank of Canton Building, 3rd floor, and am resuming practice as a solicitor.
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DOUBLE TENTH
In years past China's National Day has been celebrated as an occasion for festivity and merry-making, much in the manner in which July Fourth has been celebrated in the United States and the King's Birthday in British Colonies. Chinese donned their best clothes and bought themselves a good dinner. Streets were decorated with gay colours and the national flag. Schools and factories and offices had a holiday. Speech-making, garades, firecrackers were the order of the day. In all this the people would recall, in varying degrees according to their education and background, that it was on this day so many years ago that the alien Manchu monarchy was overthrown and from that day they became free citizens of the Republic of China, with all that that implied. But the prevailing tone was one of celebration. It is good to recall on this day the man who founded the Republic. Dr. Sun Yat-sen was a great national leader in the sense that all great philosophical figures have been leaders. Like all such leaders, he blended profound humility and complete assurance. Dead, he is to the Chinese what Washington is to the Americans, or Lenin is to the Soviets, or his most famous doctrine, the "San Min Chu I," or the Three Principles of the People, is the basis of Chinese political thought and aspiration. They will yet become the basis of Chinese political practice. They are the Principle of Nationalism, which asserts the independence of China; the Principle of Democracy, which asserts a government of the people, by the people, and for the people; and the Principle of the People's Livelihood, which asserts prosperity for all. When he died, Dr. Sun left his unfinished task of building the New China to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. A soldier, he led the victorious Revolutionary Army across China from Canton in 1925, unified China, and established the National Government in Nanking in 1928. A statesman, he was leading China to peace, order, prosperity and strength when Japan struck in 1937. Since then the Generalissimo has been the leader and inspiration of China's resistance and reconstruction. This October 10 carries a greater significance, a double joy to war-scarred but unconquerable China. The Chinese people firmly believe that the Generalissimo and President of China will now lead the nation to an early victory in the peace, which will bring the final consummation of these last tragic eight years. They also believe now victory is won, that President Chiang will steer the nation into a true and great democracy. China to-day not only celebrates a trial of nationhood accomplished; it celebrates also a greater trial of nationhood to come.

MISSING
Dear Sir,—I watched the Cenotaph ceremony and the March Past of the troops yesterday from one of the office verandahs near the I.L.K. and Shanghai Bank. I was much impressed by the smart bearing of the troops. It was an inspiring sight, to see British and Indian troops again. Somehow, however, I felt that the whole show was incomplete, but for the life of me could not find out what was missing. I told a friend exactly how I felt and he hit the nail on the head when he said "maybe you're missing the same thing as I am—the Volunteers." He was right. What happened to the Volunteers who were part and parcel of every such show in the past? It seems an irony of fate that this time, the first one after the magnificent part they played in the Battle of Hong Kong, they were not included in the Victory celebrations.
Yours etc.,
"Crook 'Ar".

Sabotage Attempt
Jerusalem, Oct. 9.
A suspected attempt at sabotaging the Iraq petroleum pipeline near Balisan was frustrated yesterday evening by a watchman who saw five men dragging a large hole near the Red Station on the pipeline.
Reuter.

V-Day Climaxes H.K. Victory Celebrations
(By A. Staff Reporter)
HONG KONG'S VICTORY CELEBRATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE JAPANESE SURRENDER, WERE BROUGHT TO A CLIMAX YESTERDAY IN AN ALL-DAY PROGRAMME WHICH OPENED WITH A CEREMONY AT THE CENOTAPH, FOLLOWED BY A MARCH PAST, AT WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ADMIRAL C. H. J. HARCOURT, TOOK THE SALUTE FROM A SPECIALLY ERECTED Dais OUTSIDE THE DES VOEUX ROAD ENTRANCE TO THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A CHINESE PROCESSION, A BAND CONCERT ON THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB GROUND WHERE THE BAND OF H.M.S. ANGLICAN PLAYED, AND A SEARCHLIGHT AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN THE EVENING.

If the celebrations did not come up to the standard and scale of the Peace and Victory celebrations of World War I, so far as outward splendour was concerned, the splendour was more than made up for by the spirit of the occasion. Three years and eight months of Japanese occupation have left Hong Kong as badly scarred as parts of war-torn Europe. Lack of materials therefore made the V-Day celebrations quite a problem, but all drawbacks notwithstanding, what was absent in the way of flags, bunting, confetti and the other things that go towards a grand show, was more than compensated for by the enthusiasm with which every section of the community entered into the spirit of the occasion.

The Cenotaph ceremony was dignified, impressive, touching. Hundreds stood with bowed heads while the simple ceremonies were performed. All round was a sense of familiar faces. To many each familiar face brought reminders of absent friends and husbands. But it was V-Day and there was no room for anything but joy. The solemnity that the nightmarish three years and eight months has gone, and a future ahead, in freedom.

And it was in this spirit that Hong Kong woke yesterday, to a cloudless sky and typical October weather to celebrate, officially, victory over a ruthless enemy. Long before the hour for which the Cenotaph ceremony was fixed, all Hong Kong, or so it seemed, was headed for points of vantage from which to watch the proceedings. Verandahs in the immediate vicinity were crowded to capacity with spectators. Punctually at 10 a.m. the Commander-in-Chief arrived accompanied by Capt. Clifford, R.N. Chief of Staff, and Flag-Lieut. Trevelyan.

Alighting from his car at the entrance to the Hong Kong Cricket Club, Admiral Harcourt was met by the G.O.C., Major-General F. W. Peeling. The party then proceeded to the north end of the Cenotaph where had been drawn up, in full honours, the saluting party of the National Anthem was played. General Pan Hui-kou, leader of the Chinese Military Mission, Commodore E. H. Everett, Commander, Hong Kong, Air Officer, Hon. K. A. D. Brook, Air Officer, Commanding, Hong Kong, and Brigadier D. M. MacDougall, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, were the other members of the party.

The Guard of Honour drawn from officers and men of the Royal Navy, Marines, Commandos, and R.A.F. together with a band from the Royal Marines, having been inspected, His Excellency returned to the base at the Cenotaph where he was ordered to "Present Arms." The Chinese National Flag were unfurled simultaneously at the top of two flag poles specially erected on either side of the north. This ceremony was followed by the playing of the British and Chinese National Anthems.

Major-General Peeling, and Air Commodore Brook then unveiled the Memorial and a Commando band played a march to the Cenotaph. The Commander-in-Chief, with the Commander-in-Chief, placed it at the foot of the Cenotaph. The ceremony was brought to a close by the firing of a 17-gun salute by H.M.S. Anson.

In the reserved enclosure were Lord Louis Mountbatten, Rear Admiral Everett, Buckmaster, U.S. Navy, and his Chief of Staff, Capt. J. E. Reinburg, Jr., General Yen Shih-shih, Colonel Lin Hsiang-shan, and Comdr. Law Cheung-pang, of the Chinese Mission. His Excellency and party proceeded on foot to the dais erected in front of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to review the March Past.

On the platform with His Excellency were Lady Mountbatten, General Pan, Major-General Peeling, Air Commodore Brook, Commodore Everett, and Brigadier MacDougall. Shortly after the hand of the Royal Marines had drawn up in Wardley Street facing the dais the band of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank was heard over the loudspeakers. The band of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Commandos, and R.A.F. followed in order.

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Women Of India's Call
LONDON, OCT. 9.
THE GREAT PART IN ASSISTING INDIA TO INDEPENDENCE AND AFTERWARDS WAS STRESSED BY MRS. CASEY, WIFE OF MR. B. G. CASEY, GOVERNOR OF BENGAL, IN AN INTERVIEW TO-DAY.
"The future of women in India is very bright," she said. "People like Mrs. Naidu and Mrs. Pandit have set a great example to the rest of Indian women and if this example is followed, women will accept more and more responsibility in national life. There is a realisation in India that woman has a part to play instead of being kept in seclusion."
"Indian women are both charming and highly intelligent as well as 'unboring.' I believe the entry into public life of more and more women would do much to solve the present communal troubles in India, for women are far more tolerant than men in these matters and usually realistic."—Reuter.

Believe it or not. In Sydney you may order a suit of clothes but you may not get it for three months, so great is the demand for clothing. The same situation is met with in Bombay.

ENORMOUS CROWDS AT WANCHAI RALLY
ENORMOUS CROWDS THROGGED WANCHAI YESTERDAY, WHEN REPRESENTATIVES OF EVERY BRANCH OF CHINESE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, SCHOOLS AND LABOUR ASSOCIATIONS ATTENDED THE MASS MEETING ON SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND ORGANISED IN CELEBRATION OF CHINA'S VICTORY AFTER EIGHT BITTER YEARS OF WAR WITH JAPAN.
BANNERS OF GIGANTIC SIZE TABLEAUX, DECORATED TRUCKS, CHINESE BANDS OF EVERY SIZE, SHAPE AND DESCRIPTION, THOUSANDS OF FLAGS, RAMPAGING "LIONS" ALL COMBINED TO MAKE IT ONE OF THE MOST COLOURFUL SCENES OF ITS KIND IN LOCAL HISTORY.

The gathering was suddenly hushed, as bands struck up, playing the Chinese and British national anthems, while those of the official group bowed towards the portraits of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Following a short prayer and interval of silence for China's war dead, Mr. Sham Chit-sen, leading member of the Kuomintang, said they were celebrating one of the most glorious chapters in China's history, but while thinking of their final victory, the people must not forget the heavy responsibilities that lay ahead, the tasks of reconstruction. The national spirit of the people must be stirred towards equal effort in establishing the peace as in resistance during the war.

NEW LIFE
The teachings laid down in the Generalissimo's New Life Movement must be faithfully followed, and the people must equip themselves with the knowledge befitting the people of a great power. The unification of the country must be achieved and maintained, and political security would follow.
Major-General H. Pan, who accepted flags on behalf of the Generalissimo, flags which were then presented, said Chiang's courage and determination in the face of resistance had won the respect of the whole universe. He was recognised not only as the greatest Chinese leader, but a great world leader. General Pan paid tribute to Admiral Cecil Harcourt, Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong, and to the American flag in the war, and said, in conclusion, that he had been tremendously impressed by the display of national spirit of the Chinese people of this Colony. While speeches were in progress, planes in formation "oomed" overhead in groups of 10, 12 and 11. Collections for patriotic funds raised a substantial total of one million dollars national currency.

The massed procession was then organised and commenced its long, unbroken march through the streets of the island.
Sir William Beveridge
London, Oct. 9.
The following statement has been issued to the press in connection with the possible departure of Sir William Beveridge to India:
"The possibility of Sir William Beveridge going to India for work in connection with the extension of social services has been under discussion between the Government of India and Sir William, who would have been pleased, if possible, to accept such an invitation."
"It has been announced, however, that the work would be done in India, and that he is not likely to devote to this purpose, as he is likely to devote to his work in India, his time and energy."
"It is not likely, accordingly, that he will proceed to India in the near future."—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER PAY
Pay advances to Volunteer personnel newly arrived from Japan will be made to-morrow, October 11, with a rate of £10. 10s. All ranks from Japan living in are to parade for medical examination at the camp to-day.

LAVAL'S TRIAL NEARS END
PARIS, OCT. 9.
PIERRE LAVAL, ABIDING FIRMLY IN HIS DECISION NOT TO ATTEND HIS TRIAL ON CHARGES OF BETRAYING FRANCE, SAT MONDAY BENEATH THE PALAIS DE JUSTICE AS THE COURT PROCEEDED WITH THE FOURTH DAY OF THE HEARING.
Court attendants said Laval was removed from his apartment near the courtroom and lodged in a dungeon after he had refused in the morning to return to his trial.
Gen. Andre Doyen, military governor of Lyon and head of the French delegation to the armistice commission in July 1941, said: "Laval's policies were criminal and could only lead to the destruction of France."
Georges Bourliet, national secretary of the federation of French forced labourers in Germany, declared: "400,000 French workers were forced to labour for the enemy because of Laval."
Charles de la Pommeraye, secretary of the French Senate, said Laval remarked after the Assembly had granted wide powers to Marshal Petain: "That's how the Republic was overthrown."—Associated Press.

OPENING WARNING
The Judge opened the court by announcing that any demonstration by the public in the court would be prohibited.
General Doyen, in the witness-box, said that he regretted Laval's absence. He would have liked to have discussed the serious statements he had to make "with him."
Doyen said Laval had never forgiven him for causing the failure of the great demonstration of Franco-German reconciliation, accompanied by a meeting between Hitler and Petain.
"Laval's part in collaboration was a criminal policy which could lead only to the destruction of France," he said.

Next witness to be called was M. de La Pommeraye, former secretary to Laval who told him that France must bring her institutions into line with the Germans in order to create a more favourable atmosphere.
The names of thirty more witnesses were called but none was there, after which the court adjourned.
When the hearing is resumed it will hear on a record, the interrogation of Laval.—Reuter.

CHAIN SMOKING
It is expected that the jury will consider their verdict immediately after M. Andre Mornet, Public Prosecutor, has made his final speech.
M. Laval, who spent the week-end and endless smoking cigarettes, is being kept in the "women's quarters" of the Palace of Justice prison.
He will stay there until the end of the trial as that he can be brought to court immediately he has decided to reappear.
He is expected to have expressed regret that he would be unable to return to court.
"I would have had some really interesting things to say and certain witnesses would have been very embarrassed," he is said to have told his counsel.—Reuter.

India's Franchise Suggestions
LONDON, OCT. 9.
IN A STATEMENT ON THE SETTLEMENT OF INDIA'S FUTURE, THE COMMUNIST PARTY TO-DAY URGED THE GOVERNMENT FIRSTLY, TO PREPARE ELECTORAL LISTS FOR THE WHOLE OF INDIA, BASED UPON ADULT FRANCHISE.
Secondly, to release all remaining political prisoners and withdraw all restrictions on the freedom of movement, speech and association.
Thirdly, to permit the establishment of temporary representative governments in the provinces to supervise pre-election arrangements and for the purpose of food and price control, in view of the famine situation.
Fourthly, to bring into being a temporary responsible government on the basis of Congress-Muslim League parity, and with representation for the minorities; with the understanding that India will be committed, by no economic or fiscal decisions without the consent of this Government.
It also urged that the Trade Union Congress should now implement its decision to send a delegation to India.—Reuter.

BACK IN CHUNGKING
Chungking, Oct. 9.
Foreign Minister Wang Shih Chieh has returned to Chungking by plane from the London conference of foreign ministers. Associated Press.

CABLE COMPANY TO BUILD NEW OFFICE

"AS SOON AS BUILDING MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE, WE SHALL BE PUTTING UP A NEW BUILDING OF OUR OWN, ON THE SITE WHERE THE OLD OFFICE3 NOW STAND, ON THE WATERFRONT ALONG CON-NAUGHT ROAD," SAID MR. H. L. N. ASCOUGH, MANAGER OF CABLES & WIRELESS LTD., IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY.

MR. ASCOUGH SAID THAT THE CABLE SERVICE HAS NOW BEEN INCREASED TO 15 HOURS DAILY AS COMPARED WITH 12 HOURS WHEN HE TOOK OVER AFTER THE JAPANESE SURRENDER, AND HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WITHIN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT OR SO THE FULL-TIME PRE-WAR SERVICE WILL BE RESTORED.

At the moment the Company is still very short-staffed. There are only 177 people working as compared with the normal strength of 250, but here again it will only be a matter of time before the Company gets into full swing once more.

Mr. Ascoug said that until a new transmitter which has been ordered, arrives (in about two weeks' time), the "load" will have to be carefully watched, as with poor Japanese equipment and lack of a proper transmitting room, every precaution must be taken against a possible breakdown.

Talking of the reorganization of the Company's station here, Mr. Ascoug said that "the prosperity of a colony depends to a great extent on its communications with the outside world. Telegraph communications have no ethnographical barriers and telegrams are accepted for every country in the world, small islands, aircraft in flight or seafarers on expeditions out in the wilds."

BROKE CAMP

"It is now over a month since this Company established contact with the outside world and now we are accepting traffic of all classes to all countries except Dutch East Indies. There is communication with Singapore and the greater part of Malaya. We hope, in the near future, to establish normal traffic conditions with China, as at present, only Government and Press telegrams are accepted."

"With regard to the immediate opening of our services I can now divulge that one of the Government Wireless Engineers and myself were the first to break camp on August 17, and arrive in Hong Kong to ascertain the disposition of the Japanese Wireless Stations and returned to Camp with all the information necessary for the immediate opening upon the arrival of the Navy, as we could not order the Japanese out before the arrival of Admiral Harecourt."

"We took possession of the Stations before the Japanese left and re-established our circuits. The whole time working in collaboration with the Director of Communications Mr. Wynne Jones."

"Unfortunately, four of our European Staff were unfit for work after their incarceration in Stanley and Ma Tau Chung internment camps, but these were quickly replaced by our own Telecommunications Staff attached to the Army, who were flown to Hong Kong. The Company had two hundred men standing by in Colombo for transfer to the Far East. We expect additional European Staff within the course of a few days."

FUTURE PROGRAMME

"And now for our programme for the future. We are commencing on the ground floor by demolishing the old Cable Office which for the past forty years has stood in Connaught Road, and erecting a new building not only for our own services but additional floor for offices, so firms who require a quiet office and a good view of the harbour, also get in on the ground floor."

"During the period in which the new building is being erected our

activities will be centralized in the Post Office. This has been made possible by the kind consent of the Hong Kong Government.

"With regard to equipment, it is the intention of the Company to supply all new equipment for both cable and wireless systems. Expensive and elaborate equipment is a present on its way to Hong Kong and should be here within a few days."

"Our first objective is the full restoration of our pre-war services, which as you know included five high speed cables from Hong Kong and twenty-two wireless channels. The cable services were London via Singapore, Shanghai, Manila, Saigon and Labuan. I cannot enumerate all the wireless telegraph channels but these were to China (all parties), French Indo China, Java, Manila, Siam, etc., and radio telephony with Chungking and Manila."

TELEPHOTO FACILITIES

"In pre-war days the average time of transmission of a full rate cable to London was under ten minutes, we are now going to improve on that. I have been advised by our chairman, Sir Edward Wilshaw, K.C.M.G., that it is the Company's intention that all the latest developments on the Company's system since the beginning of the Japanese War will be introduced to Hong Kong and that the Far East network will be covered as soon as possible. Our cables are at present busily engaged restoring cable communications with the outside world."

"It is also the Company's intention to extend photo-telegraph facilities to all important stations. We now operate eleven photo-telegraphic services from the United Kingdom with Moscow, Stockholm, Bern, Colombo, Buenos Aires, Melbourne, Montreal, Cairo, Bombay, Canton, New York, compared with four pre-war 1939. This photo-telegraphic circuit will be a boon to the Press, also the business community."

"The radio telephone channels will also be extended, no doubt, to the United Kingdom, America and other parts. As you know telegraphic rates within the British Empire are the same as pre-war with one exception, and that is that Press rates have been reduced from six pence a word to five."

"Our one aim is to give Hong Kong a service second to none, so that on the resuscitation of commerce there will be rapid and accurate systems of communications."

Standard Wage Scheme

London, Oct. 9.

Draft proposals for inter-national standards of government wages and hours and working conditions for seamen are to be drawn up at the preparatory technical Maritime meeting organized by the International Labour Office to take place at Copenhagen on November 10th at the invitation of the Danish Government.

The nations attending will be the Argentine, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, India, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Belgium, United States and Yugoslavia.

AID FOR STARVING CHINESE

Colombo, Oct. 9.

On its first mercy expedition, a shadow draught landing craft of the British Indian Navy, took aboard Singapore today, tons of rice and medical supplies to be liberated but starving five thousand Chinese and Malays of the small town of Muar, near the port of Malacca.

This expedition will be followed by many others to remote places on the Malayan coast in urgent need of supplies.—Reuters.

DRIVE AGAINST DRUG TRAFFIC

Damascus, Oct. 8.

Sir Thomas Russell Pasha, chief of the Cairo Police and director of the Egyptian Central Narcotics Intelligence Bureau, is expected in Damascus on October 20, to supervise the simultaneous drive against the hashish traffic, which is to be launched in Syria and Lebanon.—Reuters.

Washington, Oct. 9.

The Soviet Union has rejected the Argentine attempts to bring about the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, it was disclosed in authoritative sources today.—Reuters.

THREATS IN JAVA

New York, Oct. 9.

A Batavia dispatch from Aneta, the Dutch news agency, quoted the independence newspaper "Merdeka" as saying a people's army, is being formed to resist with force the return of Java to Netherlands rule.—Associated Press.

Economic Activity In India

NEW DELHI, OCT. 9.

PLANS FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN INDIA IN ORDER TO AVOID A SERIOUS DROP IN WARTIME EXPENDITURE, WITH THE RESULTING HUGE UNEMPLOYMENT WERE DISCLOSED TODAY BY SIR ARDESHIR DALAL, MINISTER FOR PLANNING IN THE INDIA GOVERNMENT.

He said he anticipated immediate unemployment for 2,000,000, including 850,000 armed personnel and unskilled labour used on military construction projects.

"It is our problem," he said, "to find employment for as many of them as possible."

He said there is a great deal of reserve purchasing power in the country and considerable demand for various types of consumer goods and services, especially in the building industry.

He said loans to stimulate the building industry are under consideration by the government and research is being pursued in the field of prefabrication and standardization of types of construction for mass production.

Apart from large irrigation and hydroelectric works, the central provincial governments have to reconstruct plants and buildings and roads which have been neglected during the war.

He said the Damodar valley project, modeled after the American Tennessee valley power and flood control project, is under consideration. He forecast changes in the taxation system to meet the post-war circumstances and encourage private investment and employment.—Associated Press.

Koreans On Strike

A REPORT FROM SAPPORO, HOKKAIDO ISLAND, SAYS THAT 6,000 KOREANS THERE HAD GONE ON STRIKE IN THE COAL MINES AND THE STRIKE WAS SPREADING TO ADJACENT WORKINGS.

Domei news agency reported the Ministry of Justice had liquidated the "thought control" section of its criminal bureau. An action which General MacArthur had ordered. Domei estimated 5,000 police had resigned or been dropped as a result of the order against the secret police, whom the Japanese populace have feared for years.

MacArthur's headquarters said 2,000,000 Japanese soldiers had been demobilized and the task would be completed within a few days.—Associated Press.

Japs Die of Starvation

Tokyo, Oct. 9.

Naval Commander Yoshinori Narumura, who had returned to Japan from the atoll of Ili in the Marshall Islands with 2,589 army and navy personnel, reported that one out of every six had to be hospitalized.

He told Domei news agency the prisoners had been isolated since December 1943 and he had lost more than 2,700 men from starvation.

In a two-year period, he said, Ili was blasted by 729 American planes, two battleships and 14 destroyers. Ili was one of the many Japanese strongholds that American forces by-passed after seizing what islands were needed for air and navy bases.—Associated Press.

EXPANDING PANAMA

London, Oct. 9.

According to New York Radio, the United States Secretary of War has declared in Washington that plans have been set up for the construction of a third series of sluices in Panama Canal in order to enable the largest American aircraft-carrier to use the Canal.—Reuters.

Brattleboro, Vermont, Oct. 9.

Henry Frank in Cotter, 87-year old educator who was decorated by Belgium for work as a member of Herbert Hoover's staff, committed in the first World War died here yesterday.—Associated Press.

The American Red Cross Field Director, Mr. John P. Tolliver, left for Canton yesterday morning by motor junk.

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Will Mr. Kirton please report to No. 4, RAPWI Control Staff, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building (3rd floor) as soon as possible.

CIVIL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION, MEDICAL BRANCH, LAINDAU SERVICE

Tenders are invited from the public to undertake the laundry service of Government hospitals on the basis of a month to month contract at a flat rate price for each article of clothing, irrespective of its size or quality. Each laundry service shall include the provision of materials necessary for the laundering as well as the means of transportation in the collection from and delivery to all Government civil hospitals and institutions in Hong Kong and Kowloon and New Territories. Full particulars can be obtained from Medical Headquarters, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor.

All tenders, which should state the place or places at which the laundry work will be carried out, should reach Medical Headquarters by not later than the 15th day of October, 1945, and should be in triplicate and put in sealed covers clearly marked with the words "Tender for Laundry Service".

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. I. BARNES

Secretary

Hong Kong, 6th October, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

MILITARY COURTS PROCLAMATION NO. 8 ARTICLE 5

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article 5 of the above-mentioned Proclamation, I, DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, Brigadier, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby appoint—

CHRISTOPHER D'ALMADA E CASTRO

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Council of the Association will be held at the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo, (by kind permission, Alexandra Building, 1st floor, on Monday the 15th day of October, 1945 at 2.30 p.m. to discuss the question of revival of football in the colony.

All Clubs affiliated to the Association and not represented on the Council are requested to send a representative to the Meeting.

Dated the 8th day of October, 1945

WONG KA TSUN

Chairman,

Hong Kong Football Association.

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On TUESDAY, 9th OCTOBER and WEDNESDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1945, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and the Sheungwan and Wansai Branch Post Offices will be open to the public between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon only.

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8th October, 1945.

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